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1. A light khaki uniform has recently been introduced in Rumania by the army, the air force, the border guard troops, the security police and the fire departments. The Rumanian Navy still wears its traditional blue naval uniform. A dark-blue uniform, including a single-breasted blouse and a black necktie, is also worn by the personnel of the Judge Advocate General's Department. Militia troops also wear blue uniforms.
2. Two new khaki uniforms, one field uniform and one dress uniform, will be issued to each soldier. By February 1950, however, only one uniform, worn as both a dress uniform and during field exercises, had been issued. Epaulets were changed as desired. On routine garrison duty, enlisted personnel still wear the old uniforms with new insignia attached, while officers wear the new uniform exclusively. In summer, khaki uniforms made of cotton drill are issued to both officers and enlisted personnel.
3. Both officers and enlisted personnel wear a field cap with a cockade in Rumanian national colors on a yellow background on the front. Mountain troops wear a beret with a cockade. Headgear worn by officers is either the field cap, that for generals being bordered with red piping, or the service cap. This service cap consists of a khaki crown, bordered with piping in the assigned color of branch of service, a cap band in the same color, except for generals, whose caps are distinguished by red cap bands, and a black vizor. The cockade is fixed to the front section of the cap band. The chin strap worn by company officers is white and is edged with a gold piping. The chin strap worn by field officers and generals is gold. For generals, gold oak leaves are attached to the vizor.
4. The blouse is a single-breasted, five-yellow-button, high-neck garment with four out-in pockets, straight-edged button flaps and cuffs. Officers' cuffs are bordered with piping indicating branch of service. For generals, there is a red piping on the cuffs as well as along the edges of collar, the pocket flaps and the vertical edge of the blouse. Collar patches and epaulets are also worn. **

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5. Trousers tucked into the boots are worn by enlisted personnel. Mountain troops wear ski trousers. Officers wear either breeches or trousers, the latter with the dress uniform. There are stripes indicating the branch of service along the outside seam of breeches and trousers. These are red for generals, who also wear additional wide red stripes on either side of the narrow stripes.
6. The overcoat is a two-breasted, long, six-button garment with two cut-in pockets, straight-edged flaps and cuffs like those worn on the blouse. Officers' cuffs are bordered with piping in the assigned color of the branch of service. For generals the piping is red. Collar patches and epaulets are also worn on the overcoat. Generals wear the overcoat with lapels open; these lapels are red.
7. Either boots or laced shoes with wrap puttees may be worn by enlisted personnel. Mountain troops wear mountain or ski boots. Officers wear either boots or shoes, the latter with the dress uniform.
8. Leather belts are either brown or black. Officers wear brown crossed belts.
9. It was planned to issue rain coats to the troops, but this had not been done by February 1950. Hoods were issued to troops assigned to the Ministry of the Interior. Mountain troops wear short storm jackets. Tank and mechanized troops wear coveralls when on duty. Flying personnel on flying duty wear special clothing. Introduction of fur caps was planned. Troops assigned to the Ministry of the Interior already have such caps.
10. Enlisted personnel wear bayonets with the dress uniform, while officers wear only belts and have pistols only when the field uniform is worn.
11. The color of branch of service worn on uniform garments described in paragraph 3 through 6 also appears on epaulets and collar patches.
12. Colors of branch of service used in the Rumanian Armed Forces are red for infantry; black for artillery; claret for cavalry; black with red piping for technical services, including signal troops, engineer corps, railway engineer troops and bridge construction units; light-blue for air force; light-blue epaulets and black collar patches for AAA; dark-green for mountain troops; violet for administrative services; yellow for schools; crimson (velvet) for medical corps; dark-blue (velvet) for veterinary corps; and dark-green (velvet) for pharmacists. Officers of the fortress engineer corps wear red-bordered epaulets and those of the fortress artillery black-bordered bright-yellow epaulets. There are no troop units in these two branches of service.
13. Light-green epaulets are worn by border guard troops, and black-bordered red epaulets are worn by the fire departments.
14. Branch-of-service assignment is indicated by metal insignia on the epaulets. Those attached to dress epaulets are white and those attached to field epaulets are yellow.

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15. Arm or service insigne used are a bursting shell for infantry; two crossed gun barrels with bursting shell for artillery; two crossed sabres with bursting shell for cavalry; a tank for tank and mechanized troops; hammer and shovel arranged cross-wise with bursting shell, for technical services; two wings with propeller for the air force; same as artillery for AAA; same as infantry plus two crossed skis for ski troops of mountain troops; two crossed sheaves of wheat for administrative services; original branch of service for schools; crimson enameled red cross on collar patches for medical corps; dark-blue enameled cross on collar patches for veterinary corps; dark-green caduceus on collar patches for pharmacists; same as infantry for border guard troops; and a scales for justice services. An emblem in the national colors topped by TV and/or FCC is embroidered on the upper part of the left sleeve of the troops of the Tudor Vladimirescu and Horia Closca si Crisan Divisions.
16. Field epaulets are made of khaki fabric while dress epaulets are made of fabric in colors indicating branch of service. Insigne of rank and arm are attached to the epaulets.
17. Collar patches are rectangular, about 2x5 cm, and are made of fabric in the assigned color of branch of service. Those worn by border guard troops are bordered with white piping and are fitted with the letters Gr in white color, with generals collar patches are red with a gold oak leaf attached.
18. Enlisted men wear transversal stripes of braid in the color of the branch of service on their field epaulets. Stripes attached to dress epaulets are made of yellow fabric. The individual rank for a private first class (Frumtas) is indicated by one stripe, a lance corporal (Caporal) by two stripes and a corporal (Sergeant) by three stripes. ***
19. Non-commissioned officers wear field epaulets bordered with a U-shaped braid in the color of the branch of service and dress epaulets bordered with a similar yellow braid. Ranks are indicated by transversal stripes of braid with one stripe for Sergeant (Sergeant Major), two stripes for technical sergeant (Plotonierul), three stripes for first sergeant (Plotonier Major) and three angular stripes for master sergeant (Plotonier Major Sef). ***
20. Company officers wear on longitudinal stripe in the color of the branch of service and yellow stars on their field epaulets. A yellow longitudinal stripe is attached to dress epaulets of combat troops and a white one is worn on those of non-combat troops such as technical, administrative, medical and veterinary services, pharmacists and justice services. The stars are white and/or yellow metal. Ranks are indicated by the number of stars, with one star for a junior lieutenant (Sublocotenent), two stars for a lieutenant (Locotenent), three stars for a senior lieutenant (Locotenent Major) and four stars for a captain (Capitan).
21. Field officers wear two longitudinal stripes in the color of the branch of service on their field epaulets and one wide gold and/or white longitudinal stripe on dress epaulets. The edge of the colored background projecting over this stripe is as narrow as piping. Individual ranks are distinguished by the number of stars, with one star for Major (Major), two stars for lieutenant colonel (Locotenent Colonel) and three stars for colonel (Colonel). ***

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22. Generals wear gold braided epaulets with the edge of the colored background projecting like a piping, and large white stars, with one star indicating a major general (General-Major), two stars a lieutenant general (General-Locotenent), and three stars a colonel general (General-Colonel). ***
23. So-called military masters, army officials ranking as non-commissioned officers, wear white-bordered khaki epaulets with angular stripes of braid, with one stripe indicating a military master 3d class, two stripes a military master 2d class and three stripes a military master 1st class.

25X1A [] Comment. See Annex 1 for sketches of caps. According to unconfirmed newspaper reports the cockades were replaced by Soviet stars, but this is doubted.

25X1A [] Comment. For drawing of uniform blouse, see Annex 2.

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